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In re application of:

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Invention: Method of Manipulating a  
Distributed System of Computer-  
Implemented Objects

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.